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Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1. Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250, at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year. Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at a premium, per annum interest. Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, May 7, 1885.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

REGISTERED OFFICE, 40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES: In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

APPROVED CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS, viz.: 75 per Cent. ex 1st Dividend equal to 87½ per Cent. for whole Claim.

H. A. HERBERT, Manager, Hongkong Branch, Hongkong, July 4, 1885.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS, \$500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman, Hon. F. D. SASOON.

Deputy Chairman, A. MOYER, Esq.

O. D. BORTON, M. GROVE, Esq.

H. HOPKIN, Esq.

H. L. DALEYMPLE, H. W. KENWICK, Esq.

A. P. MOEVEN, Esq.

W. H. FORBES, Esq.

E. E. SASOON, Esq.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 18, 1885.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the day of deposit.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent. "

12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Debts granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Debts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, August 24, 1885.

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NOTICE.

The Undersigned have been nominated by Special Appointment COMMERCIAL AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS of His Excellency the VICEROY of CHINH.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, August 11, 1885.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 30th June last, at the Rate of (2½) Two Pounds Sterling per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after TUESDAY, the 25th August current, at the OFFICES of the Corporation, where SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, August 24, 1885. 1448

COMPANIA NAVIERA DE FILIPINAS.

BY Order of the Board of Directors, the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company as also those of the Subsidiary, &C., Scrip of the Spanish Steamers LIZON, VIZCAYA and ESTRELLA, under the Angel Ortiz Cession to the late Firm of Messrs. BIRCHALL, EICHIN & CO. are requested to attend a GENERAL MEETING to be held at the OFFICE of the Agents, Messrs. MACLEOD & CO., Manila, at 4 p.m. on the 26th DAY OF AUGUST PREXIMO.

The Object of the Meeting is Special.

DUNN, MELBYE & Co.

Hongkong, June 25, 1885.

W. POWELL & Co.

EX STEAMSHIP TELEMACUS.

SPLENDID PARCEL OF HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS, consisting of

The Patent Sanitary Wire Wove Mat.

TEZZEES, all sizes.

FENDS and FIRE IRONS.

GIFT TABLES.

QUEEN ANN TABLES.

CURTAIN CHAINS.

CURTAIN COIDS and TANSELS.

CRETONNES, new patterns.

MIRRORS of all kinds.

McINTOSH'S EIDER DOWN GOODS.

BILLIARD CLOTH.

SEASAMES, all sizes.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, August 13, 1885.

WILLIAM DOLAN,

HAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,

22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,

MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,

CORK JACKETS,

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 266

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd to 29th instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. O. HURLEY, Secretary, Hongkong, August 18, 1885. 1414

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's House, on FRIDAY, the 11th September, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to be had on application.

Approved CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS, viz.: 75 per Cent. ex 1st Dividend equal to 87½ per Cent. for whole Claim.

By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary, Hongkong, August 19, 1885. 1421

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS

are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS contributed during the Half-Year ended 30th June, 1885, on or before the 30th SEPTEMBER next, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary, Hongkong, August 17, 1885. 1403

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MRI. WONG TAI-FONG,

Surgeon Dentist,

FORMERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS,

AT the urgent request of his European

and American patients and friends,

has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly oc-

UPIED by DR. ROGERS:

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

DISCOUNT to missionaries and families.

SOLO Address:

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 65

CHEE WO LING KEE

HAS always on Hand S.T.E.A.M.

LAUNCHES FOR HIRE.

Charged as follows:

Wing-Shing, Wing-Chong, and Wing-Tse.

For first hour, \$3.

every subsequent hour, \$1.

Wing-Jah, Wing-Loy, and Wing-Lee.

For first hour, \$3.

every second or subsequent hour, \$1.

Rates for towing Vessels and Cargo-boats, or use of LAUNCHES for Excursions to Macao, Canton, or other places may be arranged at No. 22, Wing Wo Street.

Hongkong, June 15, 1886. 670

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For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED A NEW SUPPLY OF

SUMMER GOODS

IN THEIR

OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT,

Consisting of—

GENTLEMEN'S UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS in every variety of Material suitable for hot climates.

LAWN TENNIS SHIRTS thoroughly shrunk.

The 'ASCOT' SUMMER WASHING SCARF.

Washing SILK SCARVES and TIES, in new shapes.

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For Sale.

FOR SALE.

A HOUSE at the PEAK, with Large TENNIS GROUND, attached. A good View of the Harbour and out to Sea. Apply to PEAK, c/o. THIS OFFICE. Hongkong, April 11, 1885. 614

NOW PUBLISHED.

BUDDEISM: ITS HISTORICAL, THEORETICAL AND POPULAR ASPECTS, BY ERNEST J. EITEL, PH.D., TUBING. THIRD EDITION. REVISED, WITH ADDITIONS. Price, \$1.50. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, August 20, 1884. 1398

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00.

COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW BY E. H. PARKER. Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHERMANS BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office. — Price, \$1 each. CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

INSURANCES.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. (FIRE AND LIFE.) CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or Goods stored thereon, or Goods on-board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposal or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton. Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 100

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS Majesty King George the First, A.D. 1735.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £10,000 at reduced rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £10,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1885. 1496

INSURANCES.

SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, SINGAPORE.

WE are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE on usual terms at Current Rates.

All Contributors of business, whether Shareholders or not, are entitled to Share in the Bonus.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, July 1885. 1239

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION (LIFE.)

REDUCTION OF EASTERN RATES.

POLICIES Issued on the spot for any sum up to £50,000.

EXAMPLE: Ago 30, With Profits, £3,14.6 per cent.

" 30, Without Profits, £3, 9.6 "

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents. Hongkong, June 30, 1885. 1101

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to Grant Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong; November 5, 1885. 255

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1466

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To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship "Fukien" Capt. Gossain, will be despatched for the above Port T-MORROW, the 26th Instant, at Noon, instead of the time previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1463

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "Ningpo" Capt. W. Forts, will be despatched for the above Port T-MORROW, the 26th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1463

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

The Company's Steamship "Phra Chon Kiao," Capt. H. Stratton, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1461

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamship "Phra Chon Kiao," Capt. H. Stratton, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at 8 a.m.

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THE CHINA MAIL

No. 6888.—AUGUST 20, 1858.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL

PASSED SUEZ CANAL
OUTWARD BOUND.—*Amphitrite*, June 19; *Arab Brigadier*, June 23; *Arab*, *Bangkok*, July 3; *Prussia*, July 24; *Ulysses*, *Grindelwald*, Aug. 4; *Siamese*, *Verdun*, Aug. 4; *Andrea Orion*, *Athens*, Aug. 4; *Andrea Electra*, *Aspinwall*, *Bonaparte*, Aug. 11; *Decatur*, *Glenelg*, Aug. 14; *Amelia Head*, *Djedda*, Aug. 21; *Hornbeam*, *Borneo*, *St. John's*, July 31; *Glengary*, Aug. 4; *Glenayre*, Aug. 7; *Amelia Moseley*, Aug. 11; *Decatur*, Aug. 14; *Boreas*, *Glenayre*, Aug. 18; *Adriatic*, Aug. 21.

THE NEW ENGLISH MAIL, per the P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Veronica*, left Singapore for this port on Friday, the 21st inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on Saturday, the 26th instant.

THE NEW AMERICAN MAIL, per the O. & O. steamer *Archie*, left Yokohama on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at day-light, and may be expected here on Saturday, the 29th instant.

THE S. S. *Glengary* left Singapore on the 21st inst. for this port.

THE S. S. *Plummetter* left Singapore for this port on the 20th instant.

THE UNION LINE STEAMER *Grafton* left Singapore for Hongkong on the 22nd inst., and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 26th inst.

Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us that the S.S. *Taihang* from Calcutta for this port, left Singapore to-day.

THE CHINESE TRANSPORT *Foochi* is shortly to be transferred to the China Merchants' Navigation Company.

THE U. S. MAN-OF-WAR *Ossipee* is reported to have been detailed to proceed to Yokohama, to meet the new U. S. Minister to China and convey him to Tientsin.

WE have to acknowledge receipt of the *Customs Gazette*, No. LXVI, containing the Chinese Imperial Customs returns for the April-June quarter of 1858.

THE TIENTSIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE *SHANGHAI MERCURY* says:—*A Correspondent* informs us of a severe description of murrain that has been destroying the cattle in some places in the vicinity of Shanghai in considerable numbers for a week or more. It seems to have made its first appearance near Minghong, and to have extended to the south and west, especially in the Loukong and Sungtung districts. The cattle begin by refusing food, then grow cold, the hair stands erect all over the body, the water is of very dark colour and most offensive, and within four days after the symptoms appear the animal dies in much agony. The disease seems to be confined to oxen and cows. The bullock escape it. The distress of the country people at the loss of their animals, on which they depend for their agricultural labour, is most pitiable. At the first symptoms of this murrain, most of the farmers drive or transport the unfortunate animals to the nearest place communicating with the Humpu, and sell them for a merely nominal price.

“*2.—All members (of the staff) except with the chief Directors are to be selected by and with the knowledge and sanction of the Bank.*

“*3.—If any members sent by the Bank are found by the Directors or Managers to be not qualified, those cannot be dismissed without the sanction of the Bank.*

“*4.—Directors, or Managers, cannot decide or act on special or particular matters, apart from the usual transactions, without the sanction and knowledge of the Bank.*

“*5.—All accounts will be audited by the Bank monthly, and all receipts and payments can only be made through the Bank.*

“*Therefore, to all intents and purposes, the Bank is the General Manager in future of the C.M.S.N. Co.*

BARRIERS SUBJECTS are notified that the Korean Government declines all responsibility in regard to contracts made with them unless such contracts bear the seal of the Korean Foreign Office.

THE SHANGHAI MERCURY of the 18th instant says:—*A further considerable supply of accommodation for the Shanghai Voluntary has been received from Hongkong by the steamship *Elephant*. The monthly shooting competitions, resumed on Friday last, can now, therefore, go on without interruption. So far, there is no sign of the heavy winds for the Artillery putting in an appearance, though it is rumoured they have arrived at Hongkong.*

WE are glad to learn that there is every probability of the Parcel Post system being extended to Hongkong in a month or two. At present, we believe, the negotiations which have been going on for some time past, are all but complete, and an answer finally settling all the details is expected next month. The postage on parcels, including registration fee, will probably be 25 cents a pound, and the limit of weight seven pounds. The extension of the parcel post system to Hongkong will be gratefully appreciated by the foreign community, who have long felt the want of some convenient, safe and speedy method of sending small parcels home.

OUR PEKING CORRESPONDENT writes:—*The Empress has issued orders to rebuild or repair part of the Summer Palace (Yuen-chuan-shan, perhaps Wan-shan-shan). These two places are now closed, and proclamations have been posted at the gates prohibiting the entrance of strangers. It is said that the Empress has the intention to take away the Marble Bridge, which spans the Imperial Lake in the Yellow City. Her Majesty wishes to see some boating on the lake, unseen by foreigners. It is to be hoped, however, that this intention will not be carried out, as it would do away with the finest bridge in Peking and also prevent the foreign residents of having the view of the lake and palace grounds. We would also have to make a great detour to go from the East to the West City.*

OUR PEKING CORRESPONDENT, writing on the 5th instant, says the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation have hired a Chinese house outside the Chien Men, near the Chinese city of Peking, in order to establish a branch there. Our correspondent is of opinion that the branch will be a great

boon to the foreign residents, and also to the Chinese government. The Tientsin correspondent of the *Mercury*, on this point, says:—*From Peking I learn that the Chinese speak very highly of the branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank now established there, and the doubt about the Bank's Comptroller, it is said, is gradually passing away. This report from Peking must be very satisfactory to the shareholders.*

Another T. 500,000 will shortly be floated by the Chinese Government. It is needed for the Board of Works, and it is said that some kinds of negotiations are going on about this loan with the H. & S. Bank.

DURING the squall on Sunday afternoon, a Chinese fisherman displayed a spirit and pluck in rescuing some Europeans who were caught in the squall which deserved some tangible recognition on the part of the Government. It seems that three European employees of the Dock Co. had gone out in a small dingy, attached to the Hung Hom Dock, and were caught in the squall. There were no row-locks on board, the occupants of the dingy were unable to help themselves, and the little craft was tossed hither and thither in such a manner as to endanger the lives of those on board. Luckily, a fishing junk passed close by them, and a rope was thrown out. This, however, fell short, and as the junk itself could not be kept under control, one of the crew jumped off her, and, with the rope between his teeth, swam to the dingy, and was thus instrumental in rescuing the Europeans. Almost immediately after, the dingy was swamped and sank. Conduct such as that shown by the fisherman is worthy of handsome recognition, and the Government should take steps to see that he is properly rewarded for his bravery.

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT is made by the TIENTSIN CORRESPONDENT OF THE *SHANGHAI MERCURY*:—*A Loan has been concluded by the H. & S. Bank with Li Hung-chang on account of the C.M.S.N. Co.—The five principal articles are said to be as follows:—
1.—One million taels to be raised by the Bank by shares of Tls. 100 each issued by the Bank. If more is needed it has to receive Li Hung-chang's sanction first.
2.—All members (of the staff) except with the chief Directors are to be selected by and with the knowledge and sanction of the Bank.*

3.—If any members sent by the Bank are found by the Directors or Managers to be not qualified, those cannot be dismissed without the sanction of the Bank.

4.—Directors, or Managers, cannot decide or act on special or particular matters, apart from the usual transactions, without the sanction and knowledge of the Bank.

5.—All accounts will be audited by the Bank monthly, and all receipts and payments can only be made through the Bank.

Therefore, to all intents and purposes, the Bank is the General Manager in future of the C.M.S.N. Co.

BARRIERS SUBJECTS are notified that the Korean Government declines all responsibility in regard to contracts made with them unless such contracts bear the seal of the Korean Foreign Office.

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LA GALLISSONNIÈRE, TRIOMPHANT, ROLAND, LA PEROUSE, SAGITTaire, and VÉRITÉ were at Chien-tien on the 17th inst. H. M. S. *Sirif* arrived there from Cora on the 15th, and is to leave again for Chemulpo on the 18th instant.

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